pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been continuous mishaps in Talecher Heavy Water Plant during the past three years;

(b) if so, what is the estimated loss in each mishap.

(c) whether any inquiry has since been conducted into each case; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government thereon and what steps are being contemplated by Government to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) In the past three years there has been one major mishap when a fire took place on 29th April, 1986. There was also a minor mishap on 1st September, 1985.

(b) The cost of revamping the plant was Rs. 30 lakhs, as a result of the major mishap. The minor mishap did not require revamping.

(c) A Committee, appointed by Chairman, AEC, has inquired into the accident. Measures recommended by this Committee to avoid such accidents have been carried out.

Deployment of nuclear missiles by China aiming against India

570. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI KESHAVPRASAD SHUKLA:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the 'Statesman' of 14th July, 1987 to the effect that China has deployed about 90 nuclear missiles aimed at India, including a force of 70 medium-range and 20 intermediate range missiles based in the north of Lhasa at Nagchuka;

(b) whether it is also a fact that China has developed 16 radar centres, 14 air strips, has constructed underground basis in the Tibetan territory adjacent to the Indian border and is concentrating a large number of weapons and personnel; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard, the implications of such a military build-up and steps taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) Government have seen recent press reports about Chinese depolyment of missiles and military build-up in Tibet. However, a spokesman of the Chinese Foreign office has denied the press reports regarding deployment of missiles in Tibet against India.

All developments having a bearing on our security are constantly reviewed and effective steps taken to meet the emerging situation.

Waiving of rural loans by Haryana Government

571. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: